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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUMA SATO ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/840,892)
Filed: April 25, 2001)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
COLLECTING USED OFFICE)
SUPPLIES)
Examiner: N.Y.A.)
Group Art Unit: 2161)
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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

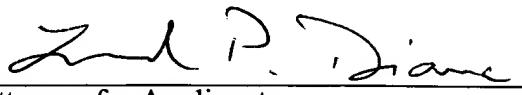
2000-131747, filed April 28, 2000; and

2001-123002, filed April 20, 2001.

Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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